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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Needs for Tactical Coverage of the CHICOM
Coastal Area Pertinent to TAIWAN

1. Changes in the TAIWAN area over the weekend have prompted the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee (ARC) to call attention to the extremely limited capabilities of the US Government to be informed of CHICOM activities which could have serious implications. It is understood that the foregoing situation would be even more critical if indeed, as it is understood, the US takes the position that it will not tolerate CHICOM conquest of the Offshore Islands.

2. Whereas planned coverage by upcoming Mission 6018 may embrace certain of the targets of great interest for tactical purposes, it is our understanding that at the moment, since Presidential permission extends to only one more sortie and that since Operations DPS/DCI is delaying that sortie until weather conditions are favorable for maximum coverage, it may well be some time before Mission 6018 is accomplished. Whereas Mission 6017 embraced areas of interest in the current tactical situation and for the most part did not give indications of imminent hostile action, there was confirmation of previously reported build-up in air

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capabilities and no inclusion of bomber aircraft. Whether

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IL-28 bombers have arrived at these

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already covered airfields becomes a question of critical importance.

4. Recommendation: That CHALICE coverage be obtained as

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soon as possible of the following target areas which are deemed to be of most immediate concern for detecting further CHICOM hostile movements and attentions against TAIWAN:

- a. SWATOW to WENCHOW.
- *b. CHANGSHU/NANCHANG Area,
- *c. SHANGHAI/HANGCHOW Bay area,
- *d. WENCHOW to and including CHOUSHAN Islands.
- e. HSIN-CHENG -- change in bomber AOB.
- *f. NANKING.

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* These target areas have already been requested for coverage and are so planned for Mission 6018.